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(*b*) the number of families that are given the benefit of housing facilities in the Cuddapah district during the year 1952–53; and

(*c*) out of the two categories that are mentioned above how many are provided free of cost and how many are provided after collecting half the cost of the house-sites in the Cuddapah district during the year 1952–53?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) 244.

" (*b*) No facilities other than provision of house-sites are at present given.

" (*c*) 222 families were provided house-sites free of cost and 22 families, after collecting half the cost of acquisition."

Arrangements for Andhra State partition.

* 609 *Q.*—SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have appointed some of the Ministers to look to partition arrangements in pursuance of the decision of the Central Government to create the Andhra State;

(*b*) whether the Government have also appointed some of the senior officers of this State for the same purpose; and

(*c*) if the answers to the above are in the affirmative, what is the number and who are the members in both cases?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Secretariat Partition Committee consists of the following four officers:—

1. Sri S. Venkateswaran, I.C.S.
2. Sri O. Pulla Reddi, I.C.S.
3. Sri T. A. Varghese, I.C.S.
4. Sri V. K. Rao, I.C.S.

Sri Y. N. Sukthankar, I.C.S., of Government of India Secretariat will also assist in the work of this Commitee in respect of the division of the Public Services.

The Ministers for Public Health, Finance, Education, Local Administration, Land Revenue and Rural Welfare will scrutinize the recommendations of the Partition Committee before they are considered by the Council of Ministers of the Madras Government and forwarded to the Government of India for final decision."

Market price of the various varieties of timber.

* 610 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government keep a regular record of the market price of the various varieties of timber that timber forests in Wynaad and Nilambur Divisions produce from year to year; and

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(b) who fixes the prices at depots of timber run by the Government as per particulars in Form 34 of the Administration Report of the Forest Department?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:--" (a) No regular record is maintained. Timber extracted departmentally in both the divisions are sold in public auction and the sale records will serve the purpose of the market price of timber

" (b) There are no depots wherein timber is sold at fixed rates as all sales are held by public auction or by calling for tenders if public auctions fail to fetch reasonable prices. Presumably the member refers to the valuation in Form 35 (not Form 34) of the administration report; if so, the valuation is based on the average rates obtained in the division, during the year."

Price of paddy given to janmies in Malabar

* 611 Q.—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have fixed the price of paddy to be given to janmies by pattamdars and tenants in Malabar and, if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" No. Under sub-section (1) of section 51 of the Malabar Tenancy Act, the Collector of the district has to publish every month in the District Gazette, the current market price of paddy, etc., at the headquarters of each taluk and under sub-section (2) of that section, where the rent or michavaram payable in kind is to be paid in money, the paddy, etc., should be valued for the purpose of determining the sum due at the market price at the taluk headquarters last published under sub-section (1). There was some delay in publishing the price as required by the above section in Malabar district after the commencement of the Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act, 1951, on 15th March 1952. Instructions have been issued to the Collectors to see that the price is published every month in future without fail."

Recruitment of Senior Inspectors of Co-operative Societies in 1952.

* 612 Q.—DR. K. B. MENON: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government advertised for Senior Inspectors of Co-operative Societies in 1952;

(b) how many did the Government advertise for;

(c) how many the Government selected; and

(d) how many the Government appointed?